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THE New York *Times* states that the Interstate Park, for which the people of New York and New Jersey have had to fight so hard, is now an assured fact. It will extend fourteen miles along the west bank of the Hudson. This is the result of the agitation against the blasting away of the Palisades, which tower to the height of from 300 to 600 feet from Fort Lee to Piermont. Already the commission has expended \$344,264 in laying out this park. In order to carry out the plans of the commission it will be necessary to acquire 175,000 acres, but there is a large sum still in the treasury, and the two states have agreed to bear an equal amount of the additional expense that will be necessary to make this park one of the most beautiful in the country. Work is just being begun on a boulevard that will extend the entire length of the park.

OUR consul at Frankfort writes to the Department of Commerce that there are 220 agricultural cooperative associations in Russia. Some of them receive subsidies from the government or the district council. These associations purchase, at wholesale, agricultural implements and machinery, seeds, breeding stock, etc., which are sold on credit or on the instalment plan to the individual farmers. Agricultural exhibitions are held and lecturers are employed who go from place to place instructing the farmers in all branches of husbandry. Grounds are also set apart for experimenting by cultivating new plants. In many other ways the cooperative associations result beneficially for the Russian peasant.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE has received \$10,000 and a collection of paintings by the will of A. W. Stetson, of Braintree.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY will celebrate the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its foundation as King's College on the last four days of October. There will be a public reception on the afternoon of Friday, October 28, with all the university buildings open for inspection, and receptions within the larger reception, at which the officers of the different departments will entertain. On Monday morning corner stones of four new buildings will be

laid: the university chapel, the School of Mines building, Hartley Hall and a second university dormitory; and if the completion of the building is accomplished, the new Thompson physical education building of Teachers College will be dedicated. On Monday afternoon there will be the formal university convocation with a commemorative address by President Butler. There will also be lectures by foreign guests, but the details have not yet been announced.

ACCORDING to the daily papers the treasurer of the Catholic University, Washington, has become financially embarrassed. It is said that he has invested \$876,000 of the university's funds for it, paying the university 6 per cent. interest. He gave on July 25 a deed of trust for this amount to the university, but several banks have filed a petition in bankruptcy against him and seek to set aside the deed of trust as void.

DR. EDMUND J. JAMES, president of Northwestern University, has been elected president of the University of Illinois, succeeding Dr. A. S. Draper, now superintendent of State Instruction in the State of New York.

ELIAS P. LYON, assistant professor of physiology in the University of Chicago, has accepted the professorship of physiology in St. Louis University. Other members of the staff will be C. H. Neilson, associate professor of physiological chemistry and O. H. Brown, instructor in physiology, both coming from the physiological department of the University of Chicago.

MR. CHANCEY JUDAY has been appointed instructor in zoology at the University of California.

MR. LOYE H. MILLER has been appointed teacher of biology in the State Normal School at Los Angeles, California.

DR. ROBERT E. MORITZ, of the University of Nebraska, has been elected professor of mathematics in the University of Washington to succeed Professor Arthur Ranum who has resigned.

DR. BÖTTGER, docent for physical chemistry in the University of Leipzig, has been called to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.